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Applicants agree that the Examiner's Amendment mailed with the Notice of Allowance on November 17, 2004 is acceptable.

Applicants note, however, that the Examiner's reference to Claim 40 in parent application (U.S. Serial No. 09/904,235 now U.S. Patent 6,638,679) on page 3 is followed by a copy of <u>Claim 1</u> from the parent application. For completeness, issued Claim 40 from U.S. Patent 6.638,679 follows:

40. A method of producing an ir taged element comprising the steps of:

providing an imageable element sele; ted from the group consisting of a first and a second imageable element; said first imageable element comprising an imaging layer which comprises a mixture of an aromatic diazonium salt containing compound having an alkoxy substituent and an aromatic diazonium salt containing compound free of an alkoxy substituent; a pol-vinyl acetal binder, and a sheet substrate; and said second imageable element comprising an imaging layer comprising a mixture of an aromatic diazonium salt containing compound having an alkoxy substituent and an aromatic (liazonium salt containing compound free of an alkoxy substituent and a sheet substrate; wherein sad imaging layer comprises a total aromatic diazonium salt containing compound content of at least 10 weight percent; and wherein the inolar ratio of said aromatic diazonium salt containing compound

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having an alkoxy substituent to said aromatic liazonium salt containing compound that is free of an alkoxy substituent is from about 1.0:1 to 70:1;

imagewise exposing said imageable (lement to radiation to produce exposed and unexposed regions; and contacting said imagewise exposed radiation-imageable element and a developer to selectively remove said unexposed regions.

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